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A PROFILE OF THE PARTISAN **DOV LORBER (MALINKA)**

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Dov (Berel) was born in the village Lishnivka, near Manyevitz. Quite a large Jewish community had flourished there for generations - proud, brave and hard-working. They got along well with their Ukrainian neighbors.

In the summer of 1942, they were ordered by the Germans and their henchmen, the Ukrainians, to join the Jews in the Manyevitz ghetto in order to facilitate their total annihilation. The Jews of Lishnivka did not carry out the order but fled to the nearby forest.

Dov had completed his service in the Polish army before the outbreak of the war and had become a highly respected and trustworthy young man. Therefore, when Kruk (Konishchuk) appeared in the area, he turned to Dov to organize a partisan unit. From that time on they led together, with Kruk as commander and Dov his deputy.

The first to join the unit were young men and women from Lishnivka and Manyevitz. In time their numbers swelled to a battalion. Dov was in charge of the Jewish company. Much has been written of the exploits of this company in battle and in sabotage.

I participated at Dov's side in almost all the operations carried out by the Jewish unit. He was a very quiet and intelligent man, well-read and interested in a great variety of subjects.

He was a strategist of the first order and served as an example of courage and heroism. At times it seemed to me that the man didn't know the meaning of fear. The Russian partisans also admired him as a fighter and as a commander.

Dov was a proud Jew, always ready to defend Jewish honor. He passed away in December, 1996. May his memory be blessed.

